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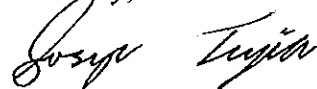
Dear Sir or Ma'am,

I urge you to oppose raised SB 1094 "An Act Banning Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines". This bill proposes making it a Class D Felony to own firearms magazines holding over 10 rounds. There are several reasons why you should oppose this bill.

1. This proposed bill would be in violation of multiple sections of the United States Constitution. It is in violation of Article I, Section 10, Clause 1 ("No state shall pass any attainder, post ex facto law"), and the 2nd and 4th Amendments of the United States Constitution. This bill will be challenged and overturned should it pass.
2. These so called "large capacity" magazines are actually standard capacity and in common usage in the state and the nation. Many firearms are designed to have 15 to 30 round magazines and are sold this way.
3. This bill would mandate surrendering of privately owned magazines. Many gun owners have hundreds of dollars invested in purchasing these magazines, myself included. If this bill passes, I would also have to replace my currently owned magazines with the reduced capacity magazines costing me more money.
4. This bill will put unnecessary strain on our legal system and law enforcement agencies. Violators of this unnecessary new law would be arrested and persecuted which would cost taxpayers.
5. Criminals can easily drive across the state boarder to Rhode Island, New York, Massachusetts or other nearby states, purchase these so called "large capacity" magazines" and bring them back to Connecticut. This bill will not keep criminals from obtaining these magazines.
6. Even if criminals had 10 round or fewer magazines it would not deter them from shooting someone. This bill will do nothing to stop crime.

You may ask me "Why do you need these magazines?" My response is that the burden is not on me to prove why I need them, but the burden is on legislators to prove why I shouldn't have them. This bill is a knee jerk, emotional response with no proof that banning these magazines will reduce crime and plenty of evidence to the contrary. The fact is that this bill will hurt Connecticut financially. If nothing but from a fiscal standpoint you should oppose this bill.

Sincerely,



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